

REMARKS

The Office Action rejects claims 26 – 41 under non-statutory double patenting. Applicants' traverse this rejection, however, will submit a Terminal Disclaimer upon indication of a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner has rejected claims 27 and 41 and 26 – 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner also rejected claims 26 – 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being anticipated by Martin et al. Applicants' traverse all of these rejections.

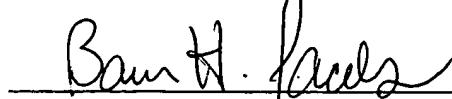
Applicants amended claim 27 and cancelled claim 41. Applicants submit that there is sufficient support for the celluloses listed in claim 27 as provided by page 10, line 13 – 14, of the Specification.

Applicants have amended claim 26 to claim a bioadhesive film composition. Martin et al. does not disclose or teach such a composition. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is warranted.

Applicants' respectfully submit the application is in condition for allowance and that no new matter has been added by the current amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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